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Special Article

RETAIL TRADE IN MARCH

COMPARISON WITH EARLIER MONTHS

To save space the usual introductory paragraphs explaining the method of compiling the statistics * have been omitted.

The main point to note in this connection is that corrections for differences in the number of selling days were necessary to very few of the schedules for March, the number of selling days in the calendar months being identical in 1941 and 1942.

INDEX NUMBERS †

AVERAGE DAILY SALES IN 1937 = 100

The normal seasonal upward movement of trade took place again in March this year in all districts, the index for the country as a whole rising from 103 to 112, or about 9 per cent. as compared with the pre-war average of 7 per cent. The increase was, as usual, much more marked in Central and West End London (19½ per cent.) than in the other six districts, 4½ per cent. to 9½ per cent. The food index rose by 4½ per cent., whereas earlier years in which the comparison was not affected by Easter had shown little increase; the movement varied from a fall of just over 1 per cent. in Central and West End London to a rise of 6 per cent. in the Midlands and South Wales. The index had also risen by about 5 per cent. between January and February and the double movement may be attributed partly to the release of tinned fruit and vegetables under "points rationing," especially as the scarcity of fresh vegetables is not much reflected in the sample.

Other merchandise, more subject to seasonal factors, advanced in March by about 10½ per cent. to 104, all districts showing rises, with a range from 3 per cent. in the South of England to over 21 per cent. in Central and West End London. As in normal years, apparel rose rather more sharply, about 19½ per cent., than did household goods (17 per cent.) and the March index for apparel (111) was considerably higher than that for household goods (90). Suburban London showed the greatest rise (25½ per cent.) for apparel, and Central and West End London (21½ per cent.) for household goods. There was no decrease in any district for either subsidiary index.

In the case of apparel it is interesting to compare the index for March with the average of the other nine months since rationing started. This shows a rise of 11 per cent. in value (perhaps some 5 per cent. in volume) which is in marked contrast to the normal decline of about 15 per cent. The high level of sales in March, judged by rationing standards, shows that the public are still fairly well supplied with coupons; it is largely due to abnormally high purchases of men's wear, designed to forestall the restrictions on style, etc., but purchases of footwear were also high for the third month in succession. Available information suggests that the amount expended on apparel per coupon has continued to be very much the same as in recent months.

COMPARISON WITH TWELVE MONTHS EARLIER

March.—The comparison is again with a period when sales were affected by enemy action and its aftermaths, particularly in London, and the table should be considered in conjunction with the corresponding one for March 1941. Another factor which accounts for some part of the increase is the fact that a year ago some goods were still being sold which had not borne

* See, for example, the "Board of Trade Journal" of 7 March 1942 (page 127).

† The method by which these index numbers are constructed was described in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 9 February 1939 (page 210).

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purchase tax, though this factor is of less importance than in the preceding four months.

The average value of daily sales in March was 6·4 per cent. higher in 1942 than in 1941. The district increases ranged from 3 per cent. to 9 per cent. apart from an exceptional rise of 26 per cent. in Central and West End London, where sales in March 1941 had been extremely low. The index numbers of sales in this area show clearly that recent increases have by no means restored it to its pre-war position relative to the rest of the country; thus in March the comparison was unfavourable to the extent of 38 points. Sales not allocated to any district rose in March by 9·1 per cent.

Food and perishables, accounting for approximately 57 per cent. of the total value reported, rose by 4·3 per cent. in comparison with March 1941 and the increases in the seven districts varied from 1·4 per cent. in the South of England to 18·3 per

RETAIL TRADE AS COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO

March and February-March; Comparison of 1942 with 1941

Table I.—Sales (at Selling Value) and Stocks (at Cost)

(The figures shown are the percentage changes)

Class of Merchandise	Sales (on an approximate Daily Basis)									Stocks
	March								*Feb.—March*	At end of March
	Scotland	North East	North West	Midlands and South Wales	South of England	London—Central and West End	London—Suburban	Total, Great Britain†	*Total, Great Britain†*	Total, Great Britain
Non-Food Merchandise :—										
Piece-goods *	+ 26·0	+ 0·7	+ 3·7	− 12·6	− 1·0	+ 18·4	+ 30·0	+ 9·0	*+ 11·9*	− 11·4
(i) Household goods	+ 41·2	+ 42·8	+ 28·5	+ 2·3	+ 29·7	+ 83·7	+ 57·7	+ 45·3	*+ 47·7*	− 28·1
(ii) Dress materials	+ 9·9	− 14·5	− 10·6	− 24·3	− 19·4	− 8·8	+ 5·7	− 11·1	*− 9·9*	+ 2·9
Women's wear	+ 9·4	+ 6·7	+ 7·4	− 4·8	− 10·2	+ 19·0	+ 4·2	+ 3·2	*+ 4·0*	+ 4·8
Men's and boys' wear	+ 35·9	+ 39·6	+ 41·2	+ 26·9	+ 19·7	+ 23·1	+ 23·3	+ 30·2	*+ 27·1*	+ 2·9
Boots and shoes	+ 19·7	+ 17·3	+ 15·1	+ 7·3	− 1·3	+ 27·6	+ 14·8	+ 10·4	*+ 17·5*	+ 2·7
Furnishing departments... ...	+ 12·0	+ 21·4	+ 20·1	+ 6·9	+ 37·2	+ 98·2	+ 64·4	+ 35·2	*+ 36·6*	− 16·5
Hardware	− 9·5	− 8·6	− 4·4	− 9·1	− 11·1	+ 30·1	+ 6·1	− 3·7	*− 3·5*	− 12·9
Fancy departments	− 2·3	− 7·3	− 2·8	− 10·6	− 8·7	+ 34·9	− 6·2	− 2·3	*− 0·9*	+ 0·2
Sports and travel	− 14·4	− 31·6	− 22·8	− 24·6	− 35·9	+ 44·6	− 13·3	− 3·7	*− 5·1*	− 20·4
Miscellaneous and unspecified ...	− 1·7	+ 6·0	+ 8·4	+ 11·7	+ 6·7	+ 19·9	+ 22·2	+ 8·8	*+ 6·5*	− 23·4
Total—Non-food merchandise ...	+ 10·4	+ 9·4	+ 12·2	+ 3·4	− 2·5	+ 28·6	+ 14·8	+ 5·3	*+ 10·1*	− 2·6
Food and perishables	+ 3·5	+ 7·4	+ 5·4	+ 3·2	+ 1·4	+ 18·3	+ 4·5	+ 4·3	*+ 3·1*	+ 3·9
Total Sales—March ...	+ 6·2	+ 8·2	+ 8·7	+ 3·3	Nil	+ 25·8	+ 7·7	+ 6·4		
February—March										
Non-food merchandise	*+ 11·2*	*+ 10·5*	*+ 12·4*	*+ 4·3*	*− 1·8*	*+ 29·1*	*+ 13·9*		*+ 10·1*	
Food and perishables	*+ 2·3*	*+ 5·0*	*+ 3·0*	*+ 1·6*	*+ 0·9*	*+ 19·5*	*+ 4·6*		*+ 3·1*	
Total Sales	*+ 5·6*	*+ 7·2*	*+ 7·5*	*+ 2·5*	*Nil*	*+ 26·3*	*+ 7·3*		*+ 5·9*	
Total Stocks—March ...	− 0·7	− 0·8	− 0·6	− 6·7	− 4·5	− 1·0	− 10·1			− 1·9

* Including some goods for which separate particulars under the sub-headings are not available.
† Including some sales which cannot be allocated to the various districts.

Table II.—Index Numbers of Retail Sales

(Average Daily Sales in 1937 = 100)

March 1942

Index Numbers for February 1942 in italics

—	Scotland	North East	North West	Midlands and South Wales	South of England	London—Central and West End	London—Suburban	Total, Great Britain
Non-food merchandise	135	126	127	122	98	74	89	104
	120	*108*	*109*	*113*	*95*	*61*	*80*	*94*
Of which :—								
Apparel *	142	135	139	131	99	66	93	111
	123	*110*	*112*	*115*	*92*	*54*	*74*	*93*
Household goods †	123	106	101	102	79	85	71	90
	109	*90*	*89*	*92*	*79*	*70*	*67*	*77*
Food and perishables	129	126	121	124	126	82	109	118
	127	*121*	*116*	*117*	*122*	*83*	*107*	*113*
Total Sales	132	126	124	124	115	74	101	112
	124	*115*	*113*	*115*	*110*	*62*	*96*	*103*

* Piece-goods (dress materials), women's wear, men's and boys' wear, boots and shoes.
† Piece-goods (household goods), furnishing departments, hardware.

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cent. in Central and West End London, where the peculiarities of the sample have been accentuated by war conditions. The increase in sales not allocated to districts was 1·0 per cent. so that the district increases tabulated slightly overstate the expansion in food sales. The extension of the "points rationing" system, which has made more tinned and dried goods available than a year ago, doubtless contributed to the general rise.

Sales of other merchandise rose by a somewhat larger percentage, 5·3, than that shown by food and perishables and the variation between the different districts was much wider. One decrease was recorded, 2·5 per cent. for the South of England, while increases exceeded 10 per cent. in Scotland, the North West and the two London areas, reaching 28·6 per cent. in Central and West End London, where a fall of 19·3 per cent. occurred a year ago. The outstanding advances reported for household piece-goods (45·3 per cent.) furnishing departments (35·2 per cent.) and men's and boys' wear (30·2 per cent.) are all partly to be explained by the low level of sales in March 1941, and the first two in particular are largely due to the rise in prices, as many items are liable to purchase tax at the full rate. The very large increases for furnishing departments in both London areas should be read in conjunction with decreases of 33·7 per cent. and 35·7 per cent. in the previous March. Dress materials declined this year by 11·1 per cent. and hardware, fancy departments and sports and travel goods by between 2 and 4 per cent. The fall in dress materials followed a rise of 21 per cent. and that in fancy departments a rise of 7·4 per cent. a year ago, but sales of hardware dropped in both years so that this category was 13 per cent. lower than two years ago, even in value.

February-March.—Total sales for the two months February and March were 5·9 per cent. greater in 1942 than in 1941. There was no change in the South of England and a substantial rise (26·3 per cent.) in Central and West End London; elsewhere increases varied from 2·5 to 7·5 per cent. The rise in food and perishables amounted to 3·1 per cent. for the country as a whole, the district increases varying only from 0·9 to 5·0 per cent. apart from Central and West End London, where it was 19·5 per cent. Other merchandise showed a rise of as much as 10·1 per cent., and this figure was exceeded in all but two of the seven districts. The only fall was in the South of England, 1·8 per cent., and there was an increase of 4·3 per cent. in the Midlands and South Wales. Among the nine main categories furnishing departments and men's and boys' wear were exceptional, with rises of 36·6 per cent. and 27·1 per cent. respectively. The advance in household piece-goods, 47·7 per cent., exceeded even these high figures; it followed, however, a decrease of 12·3 per cent. a year ago, when the two above-mentioned categories declined by larger percentages, 19·3 for furnishing departments and 14·4 for men's and boys' wear.

STOCKS *

The value of stocks at cost at the end of March was 1·9 per cent. lower than a year ago, representing, of course, a considerable fall in the volume of merchandise. The decline was shared by all seven districts, being only fractional in Scotland and the two Northern districts but reaching 10·1 per cent. in Suburban London, where a decrease of 9·9 per cent. had been recorded at the end of February. Stocks were still much above the corresponding values three years ago, the excess in recent months amounting to 38 per cent. in November, 31 per cent. in December, 52 per cent. (owing to absence of clearance sales) in January, 43 per cent. in February and 31 per cent. in March. As in normal years, stocks at the end of March 1942 were larger than at the end of February (see comment below on apparel), but the rise was less than in peace-time.

Stocks of food and perishables were 3·9 per cent. higher than 12 months earlier. Compared with 1939 the rise for the whole country was rather less than in recent months, the March increase being 57 per cent., while those for January and February were 65 and 62 per cent. respectively. Other merchandise declined by 2·6 per cent., this being the first decrease in value since November 1940. In this division of merchandise the excess over the corresponding 1939 stocks, 29 per cent., was only about half as much as that for food and perishables.

Different categories of goods varied very much when compared with 12 months ago, increases of less than 5 per cent. being recorded for women's wear, men's and boys' wear, boots and shoes and fancy departments and decreases of much larger dimensions—from 11 per cent. to 23 per cent.—for all other main categories. The household sub-section of piece-goods declined by over 28 per cent., and is now only 42 per cent. above the level of three years ago, despite the much greater rise in prices. The corresponding figure at the end of February was 67 per cent. and the decrease is at least partly due to the high level of sales in March. Sports and travel goods is the only category to show stocks actually lower in value than in March 1939, but for hardware the increase is only 4 per cent. and for furnishing departments 11 per cent. though these have experienced a great rise in prices and the figures relate to shops which, in general, are now better stocked than the average.

The month to month movement of apparel stocks since August last, as measured by comparing the schedules of retailers reporting stocks in both of two adjacent months, is given in the following table:—

	Dress Materials	Women's Wear	Men's and Boys' Wear	Boots and Shoes
August, 1941 ...	100	100	100	100
September, 1941 ...	99	104	103	103
October, 1941 ...	97	102	102	103
November, 1941 ...	94	103	105	107
December, 1941 ...	90	90	97	90
January, 1942 ...	82	83	91	97
February, 1942 ...	92	87	94	97
March, 1942 ...	95	93	95	98

March shows a rise in all categories, notably women's wear, but this is less than was usual before the war.

* It must be remembered that statistics of stocks are based on a much less representative sample of shops than those of sales; thus the collaborating co-operative societies, for example, do not report stocks.

Announcements

NOTE: Copies of all Orders referred to in the "Board of Trade Journal" can be purchased from H.M. Stationery Office, or through any bookseller.

EXPORT CREDITS GUARANTEE DEPARTMENT

The Export Credits Guarantee Department announces that its London and Southern District Office has been transferred from Bush House, Aldwych, London, W.C.2 to 73, King William Street, London, E.C.4 (Telephone: MANsion House 3131; telegrams: "Credexport Cannon London.")

The address of the Department's Head Office, viz. 9 Clements Lane, Lombard Street, London, E.C.4, remains unaltered.

EXPORT LICENCING

COTTON GOODS

The Board of Trade have made the Export of Goods (Control) (No. 23) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 844, price 1d.), which will come into force on 26 May. Under the terms of this Order export licences will be necessary as from that date for the following classes of goods:—

Manufactures wholly or mainly of cotton, the following:—
Blankets, shawls and travelling rugs.
Handkerchiefs.
Pillow, bolster and mattress cases.
Quilts, counterpanes, coverlets and other bedspreads.
Sheets.
Shirts, collars and cuffs (men's, youths' and boys').
Table-cloths and table napkins.
Teacloths and glass cloths.
Towels.

The existing licensing requirements with respect to woven blankets containing more than 15 per cent. by weight of wool are superseded by the provision that licences will, in future, be required to export woven blankets, shawls and travelling rugs containing more than 15 per cent. by weight of wool.

Applications for export licences should be addressed to the Cotton Board, Direction of Exports Department, 81 Fountain Street, Manchester, 2. Applications for the export of goods made from yarn authorised before 1 April 1942 should be submitted by 30 June. After 30 June applications will normally be considered only in respect of goods made from yarn authorised on or after 1 April by the Cotton Board for the manufacture of such goods for export. Applications must in all cases state the symbol under which the goods were produced.

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EXPORT OF GOODS OVERLAND TO CHINA

The S. R. & O. number of the Export of Goods (Control) (No. 20) Order, 1942, should read S. R. & O. 1942 No. 737, and not 727 as stated in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 25 April, (page 223.)

IMPORT LICENSING

(i) COIR FIBRE AND COIR YARN: (ii) CUT TULIP BLOOMS

The following notice has been inadvertently omitted from previous publication in these columns:—

The Board of Trade announce that from 16 March 1942 the Open General Licences permitting the importation without separate licences of:—

(i) "*coir fibre and yarn*" from the British Empire, Palestine and Transjordan, French Equatorial Africa, French Cameroons French Possessions in India, French Possessions in the Pacific Belgian Congo and Ruanda Urundi; and (ii) "*tulip flowers whether cut or attached to bulbs*" from Eire have been revoked.

From 16 March, therefore, separate licences will be required for the importation of coir fibre and yarn or of tulip flowers *from any country*, even where consignments are already en route to this country.

Applications for import licences should be completed on the official form obtainable from the Import Licensing Department of from the offices of Collectors of Customs and Excise and should be addressed as set out below.

Tulip flowers; coir (coco or bristle) fibre for brushmaking applications to be addressed to the Import Licensing Department, Board of Trade, 1-6, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

Coir fibre other than as above; coir yarn—applications to be completed in duplicate and addressed to the Hemp Control, Washington Hotel, City Road, Chester.

Applications relating to coir fibre or yarn dispatched to the United Kingdom before 16 March 1942 should be accompanied by particulars of the date of dispatch or shipment.

DEFENCE (COMPANIES) REGULATIONS, 1940

AMENDMENTS TO SAVE PAPER

The Board of Trade desire to draw the attention of company directors and secretaries to the provisions of an Order-in-Council amending the Defence (Companies) Regulations, 1940, which has been published as S. R. & O. 1942 No. 803.

The object of the Order is the saving of paper and its principal purpose is to relieve public companies from the obligation to include in their annual returns, commencing with the return due this year, the information required by the Companies Act as to present and past members of the company and the stock and shares held or transferred by them. The Order does not apply to the first annual return of any company or to any annual return of a private company. In these cases the full return as required by the Companies Act must still be made.

The Order also provides for the same protection to companies destroying cancelled share and stock certificates as was given by Regulation 7 of the Defence (Companies) Regulations (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 22 November 1941, page 315) in the case of share or stock transfer deeds. In addition, it widens the application of Regulation 7 by extending it to companies and transfer documents not previously included.

The Board of Trade wish to impress on companies the urgent need for every form of paper saving, especially in annual reports and prints of chairmen's speeches, which should be condensed to the utmost extent. Companies are also urged wherever possible to make available as salvage, if they have not already done so, old records, such as old dividend sheets or books and paid dividend warrants.

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY

ADDITIONS TO "BLACK LIST"

The Board of Trade announce that they have made the Trading with the Enemy (Specified Persons) (Amendment) (No. 7) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 750, price 3d.) which came into force on 2 May containing 390 additions to the "Black List" of traders in neutral countries with whom it is unlawful to have dealings of any kind.

ADVICE TO SHIPPERS

NEUTRAL VESSELS AGAINST WHICH DISCRIMINATION IS BEING EXERCISED BY THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE

(*a*) SHIPOWNERS ON THE STATUTORY LIST

Shippers, banks and other financial and commercial concerns are hereby notified that the following vessels belong to owners

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who are included in the Statutory List, and that it is an offence against the Trading with the Enemy Act for any shipper to make use of such vessels. Shipments by such vessels in addition to being liable to seizure render the shippers or those connected with the consignment liable to prosecution.

Vessel	Flag	Tons	Owners or Charterers
Galatasaray	Turkey	724	Sadikoglu, Aslan, Kaptan
Olianta	Peru	144	Mrs. G. A. de Leemhuis, Callao
Cala Antio	Spain	134	Naviera Mallorquina (D. Ramis Mut.)
Cala Contesa ...	Ditto	207	Ditto
Cala Falco	Ditto	75	Ditto
Cala Gallota... ...	Ditto	100	Ditto
Cala Llamp	Ditto	126	Ditto
Cala Llonga... ...	Ditto	111	Ditto
Cala Marsal	Ditto	199	Ditto
Cala Mondrago ...	Ditto	203	Ditto
Cala Morlanda ...	Ditto	293	Ditto
Cala Murta	Ditto	152	Ditto
Cala Pi	Ditto	197	Ditto
Cala Gat	Ditto	283	Ditto
Cala Tuent	Ditto	121	Ditto
Juanot Colom ...	Ditto	111	Ditto
Manuel Guasp ...	Ditto	125	Ditto
Piedad	Ditto	90	Ditto
Cala Fornells ...	Ditto	93	Ditto
Cala Virgili... ...	Ditto	96	Ditto
Cala Bona	Ditto	72	Ditto
Cala Castell	Ditto	123	Ditto.
Cala Mitiana ...	Ditto	92	Ditto.
Eduardo Weibel ...	Ditto	229	Ditto
Jose Trujillo ...	Spain	338	J. Trujillo Zafra e Hijo
Caranza	Ditto	524	Ditto
Almagro	Argentine	282	A. M. Delfino y Cia
San Martin	Ditto	226	Ditto
Buenos Aires ...	Ditto	2,263	Argentina Nauva Cia General de Navegacion
Comodoro Rivadavia	Ditto	4,482	Ditto
Rio Blanco (ex Madryn) ...	Ditto	1,827	Ditto
Atieta	Ditto	105	La Portena Empresa de Remolcadores
Ciclope	Ditto	173	Ditto
Coloso	Ditto	247	Ditto
Gigante	Ditto	236	Ditto
Goliat	Ditto	237	Ditto
Hercules	Ditto	173	Ditto
Samson	Ditto	237	Ditto
Titan	Ditto	188	Ditto
Pescador	Portugal	352	Transportes Mecanicos Mario Silva
Transportadora (ex Trevo 2º) ...	Ditto	202	A. Transportadora Ltda
Esmeralda	Argentine	4,328	Dolphin Company, Inc.
(ex Oltul)	(ex Roumania)		(Mgr. Alex Vlasov)
Tropicus	Argentine	3,609	Ditto
(ex Prahova) ...	(ex Roumania)		
Omega	Panama	3,638	Ditto
(ex Siretul)	(ex Roumania)		
San Miguel	Spain	106	Andres S. Ceballos.
Maullin	Chile	442	Sociedad Maritima Valck
San Martin	Argentine	8,498	Argentina de Navegacion Lloyd Argentina S.A.
(ex Lahn)	(ex German)		
Belgrano	Argentine	4,318	Ditto
(ex Nienburg) ...	(ex German)		
Santa Fe	Argentine	2,446	Ditto
(ex Anatolia) ...	(ex German)		
Industrial	Spanish	313	Soc. Anon. Cristobal Colon of Madrid
Marina	Ditto	172	Ditto
Suevia	Ditto	353	Ditto
San Isidro Labrador	Ditto	235	Cia Comercial Maritima de Transportes S.A.
San Juan II... ...	Ditto	552	Ditto
Adeje...	Ditto	253	Ditto.
Isora...	Ditto	316	Ditto
Carmen	Ditto	199	Cia Naviera Levantina Ltda.
Vicente	Ditto	534	Ditto
Laguna	Brazilian	620	Herman Stoltz & Co. Rio de Janeiro
Nina (ex Dina) ...	Portugal	273	Madureira E. Rego. Lda.
Delfin	Spanish	98	Julio Gonsalez Martin, Las Palmas
Maria Bonmatti ...	Ditto	54	Ditto
Sebastian	Ditto	3,024	Cia Comercial Maritima de Transportes
Tercio Montejurra ...	Ditto	549	Ditto
Anna	Brazil	721	Empreza Nacional de Navegacao Hoepcke (Carlos Hoepcke S.A.)
Carl Hoepcke ...	Ditto	1,249	Ditto
Max	Ditto	247	Ditto
Presidente Mitre ...	Argentine	372	Cia Argentina Comercial e Industrial de Pesqueria
Presidente Roca ...	Ditto	412	Ditto
Fermina Concepcion	Spain	80	Manuel Rodriguez
Mareante	Portugal	212	Virgilio Duque Simoes
Carvalho	Ditto	27	Henrique Da Silva Pinto Ferro
Alvaiazere	Portugal	258	Jose Rui de Matos Pereira
Southern Cross ...	Mexico	1,851	Axel Wennergren
Maria Amalia ...	Spanish	744	Cia Comercial Maritima de Transportes S.A.
Sidi Ifni	Ditto	732	S. A. Hispana-Africana de Reconocimentos Atlanticos.

(*b*) SHIPS DISCRIMINATION LIST

Shippers, banks and other financial and commercial concerns are warned that shipments by the following vessel may lead to difficulties:—

Vessel	Flag	Tons	Owners
Campechano (ex Santa Helena)	Panama	4,680	Cia Primera de Navigacione Ltda. (Manager, S. H. Jossifoglu)

NOTE.—In addition to the various amendments reported in the last three issues of the "Board of Trade Journal" it should be observed that the "Madryn" (Argentine flag) has been renamed "Rio Blanco."

Announcements—*Continued.*

RESTRICTIONS ON COKE, ANTHRACITE, WELSH DRY STEAM COAL AND MANUFACTURED FUEL

The Secretary for Mines announces that he has given a direction under the Fuel and Lighting (Coal) Order, 1941 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 20 December 1941, page 383), restricting to 10 cwt. the quantity of coke, anthracite, Welsh dry steam coal and manufactured fuel which may be supplied during the four weeks commencing Monday, 4 May, to any residential premises (including hotels and clubs) throughout the country. Supplies, however, are prohibited if occupiers have in the aggregate more than one ton of these fuels in stock on 4 May.

Local fuel overseers have authority to grant licences for greater quantities where necessary to avoid hardship or where for other special reasons supplies of larger quantities are advisable, e.g. where long haulage is necessary to isolated premises.

CONTROL OF MOLASSES AND INDUSTRIAL ALCOHOL

The Minister of Supply has made the Control of Molasses and Industrial Alcohol (No. 16) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 774, price 1d.) reducing the minimum quantity of industrial alcohol (other than mineralised methylated spirit) above which dealings are subject to licensing. Licences will now be necessary for quantities exceeding in the aggregate one gallon in any period of one calendar month. All inquiries and applications for licences should be addressed to the Molasses and Industrial Alcohol Control, Great Burgh, Epsom, Surrey.

RUBBER TYRES

The reference on page 223 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 25 April 1942, under the above heading, to the Control of Rubber (No. 4) Order, 1942, should have read "the Control of Rubber Tyres (No. 4) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 597, price 1d.)."

Anyone who has tyres which he does not require for immediate use, and which are fit for substantial further service without being retreaded, is asked by the Ministry of Supply to offer them for sale to an Authorised Tyre Depot or to a Licensed Retreader.

Tyres suitable for retreading should be offered for sale to Licensed Retreaders only. Authority to Licensed Retreaders to acquire used tyres and to other persons to dispose of used tyres to them is given by a Direction (No. 2) (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 787, price 1d.) made under the Control of Rubber Tyres (No. 4) Order, 1942. Anyone who has difficulty in disposing of his tyres is requested to write to the Tyre Control, Empire House, St. Martin's-le-Grand, London, E.C.1, giving full particulars of the quantity, size and make of the tyres.

This announcement does not apply to worn out or scrap tyres. These should be disposed of to dealers or certified waste rubber merchants, in accordance with the provisions of the Control of Rubber (No. 5) Order, 1942 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 14 February 1942, page 89). Alternatively, possessors of such tyres are invited to hand them in to any local authority or garage in furtherance of the national salvage collection drive.

BOOT AND SHOE INDUSTRY

The Board of Trade announce that as from 11 May no new applications will be entertained from the Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Industry for concentration, either as nucleus or as absorbed firms, under the Government policy for Concentration of Production (Cmd. 6258, price 1d.), unless there are very exceptional circumstances. This notice does not apply to the Rubber Footwear Industry.

FURNITURE PRICES CONTROL

The Board of Trade after consultation with the Central Price Regulation Committee have made the Furniture (Maximum Prices) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 828, price 1d.), which prohibits any increase in the price of new furniture above the prices current on 1 May 1942.

The Order provides that the maximum price of a furniture, whether sold by a manufacturer, wholesaler or retailer, shall be the current price, and defines current price as the price which the trader selling the goods was lawfully charging in the ordinary course of his business for similar furniture sold on comparable terms and conditions on 1 May 1942.

If he was not selling comparable furniture on that date his maximum price is the price at which such furniture was being offered on that date by a substantially similar business. "Lawfully offered for sale" means offered for sale at the permitted price in accordance with the Prices of Goods Act, 1939.

Enforcement of the Order, which comes into effect on 11 May, will be in the hands of the Local Price Regulation Committees, to whom enquiries about it should be addressed.

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LIMITATION OF SUPPLIES

NEW QUOTAS FOR MISCELLANEOUS AND TOILET PREPARATIONS ORDERS

APPLICATION OF LIMITATION OF SUPPLIES ORDERS TO TWO FURTHER CLASSES OF GOODS

The Board of Trade are about to undertake discussions with a wide range of consumer goods industries with a view to directing to the greatest possible extent, productive resources still engaged in making inessential goods to making things we must have. It is intended to plan the manufacture, as soon as possible, of "utility" ranges of the more essential goods. In the meantime, the quotas under the Limitation of Supplies (Miscellaneous) (No. 13) Order (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 6 December 1941, page 354) and under the Limitation of Supplies (Toilet Preparations) (No. 2) Order (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 1 November 1941, page 264) will be continued for two months—June and July—largely on the present basis, i.e., at the same rate of supply. There will be some changes and these are given below. Goods hitherto controlled in Class 4 (lace, etc.) and 6 (mattresses, quilts, etc.) of the Miscellaneous Order will, as from 1 June, be dealt with under an Order covering cloth and apparel instead of under the Miscellaneous Order.

The following are the changes :—

Class 7.—Floor coverings, etc. Manufacturers registered for Class 7 will be prohibited from supplying goods controlled in this class, in the manufacture of which they have carried out a process, except under licence. For those items within this class which do not contain jute, cork or rubber the supplies allowed under licence will be equivalent to a rate of 25 per cent. Other persons registered for Class 7 (i.e. the wholesalers) will be allowed to supply freely any goods controlled in this class.

Class 8.—(a) Pottery. The following articles if made of plain, undecorated earthenware, china or stoneware, in white or natural colour, will be allowed to be supplied without restriction under a general licence :—

Cups, saucers, mugs, beakers, plates, coffee pots, tea pots, jugs, meat dishes, vegetable dishes, casseroles, fireproof ware, pie dishes bowls, basins, ewers, sauce boats, and chambers and possibly other articles: an announcement giving the complete list will be made shortly.

Articles of these descriptions which are ornamented merely with a plain band not more than one-eighth of an inch in width or with a plain line and edge will, after 1 June, count as decorated ware and will no longer be allowed to be supplied freely. Supply by registered persons of all other articles of pottery and other shaped and fired clay products controlled in Class 8 will be allowed under specific licence only.

(b) Glassware. The quota for all other goods controlled in Class 8 will be reduced to a rate of 15 per cent., but there will be a general licence permitting free supply of glass tumblers controlled in this class.

Class 10.—Trunks, bags, etc. Tool bags, hitherto uncontrolled, will be included in this class.

Class 13.—Gramophone records. Manufacturers registered for Class 13 will be prohibited as from 1 June from supplying gramophone records, in the manufacture of which they have carried out a process, except under licence.

Class 14.—Fancy goods, etc. The factor of one-half will not apply to umbrellas, so the effective quota for umbrellas will be the same as for the class as a whole, viz. a rate of 25 per cent.

NEW CLASSES OF GOODS

In addition, the supply of two further classes of goods will, as from 1 June 1942, be controlled. These classes are :—

(a) Electric and gas space-heating appliances of a kind used for domestic purposes. The supply of these goods will be restricted to a rate of 25 per cent. by value. The standard period will be the six months ended 30 November 1939.

(b) Wax polishes, creams and dressings for floors, furniture and shoes. The supply *by manufacturers* of these goods, in the manufacture of which they have carried out a process, will be restricted to a rate of 60 per cent. by value. The standard period will be the six months ended 30 November 1939.

Applications for registration in the two new classes and any further applications there may be in connection with the addition of *tool bags* to Class 10 should be made, before 1 June, to Industries and Manufactures Department IV, Board of Trade, Carlton Hotel, Bournemouth.

CLOTHES RATIONING

PURCHASES BY UNITS AND ESTABLISHMENTS OF H.M. FORCES

Traders are permitted to supply rationed goods coupon-free to Units and Establishments of H.M. Forces against Local Purchase Orders. These are orders issued on behalf of the Service Department (Admiralty, War Office or Air Ministry) concerned, and are evidence that the goods are required for the order of a Government Department.

Since supplies to Government Departments are not subject to coupons, the Local Purchase Orders are *not* coupon-equivalent

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documents, and may *not* be passed on to suppliers in lieu of coupons. Instead, the traders who first receive them should send them in with the evidence of supply to the Board of Trade, Marsham Court, Bournemouth, and they will then be issued with vouchers to enable them to replenish their stocks.

Local purchase orders issued by Admiralty establishments will ordinarily be on the official Local Purchase Order Forms D.258. Those issued by the Army will always quote an official local purchase order number and date. Those issued by the Royal Air Force will be made out on forms number 528C or 531. Those issued by the Royal Australian Air Force will be made out on forms headed "Commonwealth of Australia" and will bear an official order number and date.

Apart from sports kit for the communal use of units, for which a special procedure has been announced, traders may not supply rationed goods coupon-free to units or establishments of H.M. Forces except against the local purchase orders described above.

EXPORT OF CLOTHING

Exported clothing is exempt by General Licence (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 832) from the restrictions imposed by the Making of Civilian Clothing (Restrictions) Orders, but must conform to any restrictions imposed by the countries to which the clothing is to be exported. Thus, clothing exported to the United States or Canada, where restrictions have been imposed on most types of clothing, must comply with these restrictions.

UTILITY CLOTH

MAXIMUM PRICES ORDER AMENDMENTS

The Board of Trade, after consulting the Central Price Regulation Committee, have made the Utility Cloth (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 849) amending the Utility Cloth (Maximum Prices) Order, 1942 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 18 April 1942, page 212). The principal effects of these amendments will be as follows :—

(1) *Manufacturers.*—The provisions in paragraph 2 of S. R. & O. 1942 No. 603 have been amended so that manufacturers selling cloth which they have not processed or manufactured may, if they carry stocks which are substantial in relation to their turnover, add a margin of 20 per cent. of the price paid to the actual manufacturer of the cloth when selling to makers-up of apparel or wholesalers. Their selling price must not, however, exceed the prices specified in the Limitation of Supplies (Cloth and Apparel) Order 1941, as amended by subsequent Orders. Manufacturers who do not carry such stocks may, in respect of goods which they have not processed or manufactured, add a margin of only 5 per cent. except in the case of sales to retailers or retail customers.

The provisions of sub-paragraphs 2 (ii) and 2 (iii) in relation to sales to retailers and retail customers remain unaltered.

(2) *Wholesalers.*—Paragraph 3 is amended so that wholesalers who conduct a regular selling organisation for supplying makers-up of apparel and who carry stocks which are substantial in relation to their turnover may in computing their maximum selling price add a margin of 20 per cent. to the price paid to the manufacturer provided they do not exceed the overriding maxima specified in column 2 (a) of the Schedule.

(3) *Cloth* 210.—Prices specified in the Schedule for woollen tweed cloths of specifications 210 and 231 are deleted, and cloth 210 is now sub-divided into four separate cloths which are numbered 210A, 210B, 210C and 210D. The manufacturers' prices for these cloths are, per yard, woollen measure : 210A, 3s. 6d. to 4s. ; 210B, 4s. to 4s. 6d. ; 210C, 4s. 6d. to 5s. ; and 210D, 5s. to 5s. 8½d.

A corresponding amendment has been made in the Limitation of Supplies (Cloth and Apparel) Order, 194., as amended by subsequent Orders, Limitation of Supplies (Cloth and Apparel) (No. 8) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 850).

RESTRICTIONS ON CHILDREN'S AND INFANTS' WEAR

The simplification of clothing has been carried a step further by restrictions affecting infants' and children's garments. The prohibitions are similar to those already announced for women's clothing and are planned to bring about economies in cloth and labour without reducing the serviceability of the garments. They restrict the number and depth of pleats, the number of pockets and buttons. Embroidery, scalloping and trimming are prohibited. The Order is the Civilian Clothing (Restrictions) (No. 7) Order (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 785, price 1d.), and comes into force on 1 June 1942. Garments cut for stock before 1 June, and bespoke garments ordered before 7 May and cut before 1 June, may be completed. The Order will not be available from the Stationery Office for a few days.

SIMPLIFIED STYLES FOR CORSETS

Manufacturers of corsets and corset belts are to be prohibited from using trimming or fancy stitching or lace. Economy of scarce materials will be secured by a prohibition on the use of more than ¼ oz. of rubber or more than 4 ozs. of metal in these garments. Further prohibitions, dealing with details of construction, are intended to save labour and materials, while leaving the manufacturer free to develop his own war-time corsetry styles.

The Order, Making of Civilian Clothing (Restriction) (No. 8) Order (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 833, price 1d.), comes into force on 14 May, but does not affect garments which were cut before that date. It will not affect any made-to-measure garment, cut to an individual customer's own measurements, if the garment was ordered before 14 May and cut before 8 June.

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INDUSTRIAL SUPPLEMENTARY CLOTHING COUPONS

FOURTH AWARD FOR RATIONING PERIOD 1 JUNE 1941 TO 31 MAY 1942

The Board of Trade have decided to award supplementary clothing coupons to further types of industrial workers who have not so far received extra coupons. The exact types of workers eligible are listed in a booklet entitled "Fourth Award of Industrial Supplementary Clothing Coupons." This booklet will be obtainable by employers at local offices of the Ministry of Labour and National Service.

Employers *only* of workers entitled to extra coupons under this award should make application for the coupons to their nearest office of the Ministry of Labour before 16 May. Enquiries about this and previous awards should be addressed to the Trade Unions or Trade Associations. Local offices of the Ministry of Labour and National Service cannot undertake to answer enquiries.

NORTHERN IRELAND

The exact types of workers eligible in Northern Ireland are listed in a booklet similarly entitled "Fourth Award of Industrial Supplementary Clothing Coupons," but bearing Ref. No. ISCA/NI/2. It is obtainable by employers at all Employment Exchanges of the Ministry of Labour.

Employers *only* of workers entitled to extra coupons under this award should make application for the coupons to their nearest Employment Exchange of the Ministry of Labour before 16 May. Enquiries about this and previous awards should be addressed to Trade Unions or Trade Associations, who may obtain such information from the Ministry of Commerce, Ocean Buildings, Belfast. Employment Exchanges of the Ministry of Labour cannot undertake to answer such enquiries.

MINISTRY OF FOOD ORDERS

In continuation of the list given in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 2 May (page 233), the following Orders made by the Ministry of Food have been published as S. R. & O. 1942, price 1d. each :—

No. 767. Order, dated 24 April 1942, amending the Invert Sugar (Maximum Wholesale Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1940.

No. 768. General Licence, dated 24 April 1942, under the Home Grown Rye (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1941.

No. 788. Order, dated 28 April 1942, amending the Starch and Dextrine (Control) Order, 1941.

No. 789. Order, dated 28 April 1942, amending the Home Grown Wheat (Control and Prices) Order, 1941.

No. 795. Order, dated 29 April 1942, amending the Sugar Confectionery (Maximum Prices) Order, 1941, the Chocolate and Chocolate Confectionery (Maximum Prices) Order, 1941, and the General Licence, dated 11 February, 1942, under the Chocolate and Chocolate Confectionery (Maximum Prices) Order, 1941.

No. 814. Order, dated 30 April 1942, amending the Oats (Control and Maximum Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1941.

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AUSTRALIA

STRAW AND OTHER UNPROCESSED VEGETABLE PACKING. QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS

With reference to the notice about straw packing in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 27 March 1941 (page 217), the Board of Trade have been asked by the High Commissioner for Australia to invite the attention of exporters to the fact that the conditions governing the importation of *straw* packing into Australia have now been extended to all unprocessed vegetable packing.

Details of the conditions governing the importation of straw and other unprocessed vegetable packing into Australia may be obtained from the High Commissioner's Office, Australia House, London, W.C.2.

RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS FROM STERLING AREAS

With reference to the notice under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 11 April (page 201) and previous

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notices H.M. Senior Trade Commissioner at Sydney has reported that the following items are now exempt from licensing requirements on importation from sterling areas :—

Tariff Item	Goods
168 (A) (2)	Knitting machine needles (whether as replacement parts of otherwise).
ex 346 (c)	Pen nibs of steel.

H.M. Senior Trade Commissioner also reports by telegraph, that the restrictions on imports of the following goods from sterling areas has now been removed :—

Tariff Item	Goods
ex 88	Iodised salt.
180	Electrical and gas appliances :—
(A)	Telephone and telegraph appliances, viz. :
(1) (*a*) (2)	Handset telephones, n.e.i., bell sets for telephones; parts, n.e.i., of handset telephones and of bell sets for telephones.
(2	Keys (including radio); magneto bells and parts therefor, whether imported separately or mounted with a key or switch; indicators or drops with or without shutters; relays; bell coils; impedance and resistance coils and spools; damp sockets for switchboards; protective apparatus; cable boxes unprotected; devices for junctioning telephone and telegraph wires and cables; ear caps and mouthpieces; switchboards.
(N)	Jacks.

POSTPONEMENT OF DEFERRED DUTIES ON IRON AND STEEL PLATES AND SHEETS

With reference to the notice under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 21 February 1941 (page 133), the "Commonwealth Government Gazette" of 11 December 1941 contains a notification that the operation of the deferred duty on Item 147 of the Australian Customs Tariff, "Iron and steel plates and sheets plain tinned" has been further postponed until 1 January 1943.

BRITISH INDIA

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

With reference to the notices under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 8 November 1941 (pages 283/286), 15 November 1941 (pages 303/307), and 31 January 1942 (pages 62/63) the Board of Trade have received copies of Notifications Nos. 14 and 15–I.T.C./42, dated 11 February, published in the Department of Commerce, which provide for the following further amendments to Notifications Nos. 56 and 59–I.T.C./41 of 23 August 1941.

NOTIFICATION No. 56–I.T.C./41

After clause viii insert the following :—

"(ix) Goods of any description the importation of which is covered by an import licence issued in pursuance of the Commerce Department Notification No. 25–I.T.C./40, dated 31 December 1940.

Part B of the Schedule annexed to Notification No. 56–I.T.C./41

Amend the item against Serial No. 49 to read as follows :—

"49 Iron or steel and articles made thereof
63, 63 (1) to 63 (28) 6–9–41"

Delete against Serial No. 60 the following :—

"and those covered by Commerce Department Notification No. 25–I.T.C./40, dated 31 December 1940."

NOTIFICATION No. 59–I.T.C./41

Open General Licence No. II

In clause (*a*)—Part B of Schedule—after "No 33 of Part B (Tea Chests and parts and fittings thereof, etc.)" insert the following :—

(1) Bobbins; (2) card clothing and card clothing sundries; (3) shuttles; (4) picking boards; (5) machinery cloth (roller cloth, cleaner cloth and sizing flannel); (6) roller skins; (7) pickers; (8) tape and banding for driving spindles; (9) healds and reeds; (10) loom sundries (loom parts); (11) card cans; (12) emery fillet.

Notification No. 7–I.T.C./42, which was reproduced in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 4 April (page 187), relating to the import of copper and copper manufactures from British Empire Territories in Africa, has been amended by Notification No. 11–I.T.C./42 of 7 February by the insertion of the following heading :—

"The following Open General Licence issued by the Central Government under the notification of the Government of India in the Department of Commerce, No. 56–I.T.C./41, dated 23 August 1941, is published for general information.

IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

Open General Licence No. VIII

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON MATERIALS OF CERTAIN DESCRIPTIONS

With reference to the notices under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 21 March (pages 164/165) and 4 April (page 187), the Board of Trade have received copies of Notifications Nos. 12, 13 and 16—I.T.C./42, dated 11 and 14 February, issued in the Department of Commerce, which provide for the following further amendments to Notification No. 25—I.T.C./40 of 31 December 1940.

By Notification No. 12–I.T.C./42 of 11 February the following items have been added to the Schedule :—

(*zn*) (i) Motors and generators of any type or design up to 100 h.p. or 100 kw. rating and component parts thereof, falling under items Nos 72 (b), 72 (3) and 72 (6) of the Tariff Schedule.
(ii) Associated starter and control gear for such motors and generators, falling under item No 72 (d) of the Tariff Schedule.

(*zo*) (i) Distribution and power transformers up to 250 kva. of any voltage ratio, falling under items Nos. 72 (d) and 73 (1) of the Tariff Schedule.
(ii) Static condensers up to 100 kva., falling under item No. 72 (d) of the Tariff Schedule.

(*zp*) Standard switchgear and standard power fuse gear, falling under items Nos. 72 (d) and 73 (1) of the Tariff Schedule.

(*zq*) (i) Insulators and other electrical earthenware and porcelain, falling under items Nos. 72 (e), 73 (1) and 73 (5) of the Tariff Schedule.
(ii) Insulations, falling under items Nos. 73 and 87 of the Tariff Schedule.

(*zr*) Electrical instruments falling under items Nos. 72 (3) and 73 of the Tariff Schedule.

(*zs*) (i) Electrical accessories, falling under items Nos. 73 and 73 (1) of the Tariff Schedule.
(ii) Conduit accessories, falling under items Nos. 72 (e) and 72 (3) of the Tariff Schedule.

(*zt*) (i) Cables, wires and flexibles (other than winding wires), and winding wires, falling under items Nos. 72 (e), 73 (1) and 73 (6) of the Tariff Schedule.
(ii) Cables accessories, falling under items Nos. 72 (3) and 73 of the Tariff Schedule.

(*zu*) Diesel engines of all types up to and including 100 h.p. and component parts thereof, falling under items Nos. 72 (a) and 72 (3) of the Tariff Schedule.

(*zv*) Petrol kerosene engines up to 30 h.p. (excluding all automobile units) and component parts thereof falling under items Nos. 72 (a) and 72 (3) of the Tariff Schedule.

(*zw*) Power driven pumps and component parts thereof, falling under items Nos. 72 (b), 72 (3) and 72 (6) of the Tariff Schedule.

(*zx*) Manual operated pumps and component parts ther of falling under item No. 72 (6) of the Tariff Schedule.

(*zy*) (i) Ball and roller bearings, falling under items Nos. 71 and 72 (3) of the Tariff Schedule.
(ii) Taper bearings, falling under items No. 75 (1), 75 (3) and 75 (4) of the Tariff Schedule.

(*zz*) Small Tools :—
(i) Metal working tools.
(ii) Wood working tools :—
(i) Saws,
(ii) Cutters,
falling under items Nos. 71 and 72 (3) of the Tariff Schedule.

(*zza*) Welding Electrodes :—
(i) Coated, falling under item 63 (28) of the Tariff Schedule.
(ii) Uncoated, falling under item 63 (25) of the Tariff Schedule.
(iii) Bar and rod, falling under item 63 (3) of the Tariff Schedule.

(*zzb*) Pneumatic plant consisting of prime movers and auxiliary equipment, falling under item No. 72 (b) of the Tariff Schedule.

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Notification No. 16–I.T.C./42 of 14 February provides the following further amendments to the Schedule.

Substitute for item (*i*) the following :—

"(*i*) Iron or steel forgings, castings, stampings, steel chains and forged steel balls."

After item (*o*) insert the following :—

(*oa*) High speed alloy and carbon steel sections, stainless and heat resisting steels, steel die blocks.

(*ob*) Buffers, locomotive piston rods, motion parts.

By Notification No. 13–I.T.C./42 of 11 February the undermentioned new Open General Licence has been issued :—

OPEN GENERAL LICENCE NO. IX

In pursuance of the notification of the Government of India in the Department of Commerce, No. 25–I.T.C./40, dated 31 December 1940, the Central Government gives general permission to all persons to import by sea from the United Kingdom any materials of the descriptions specified under items (*zn*) to (*zzb*) of the Schedule annexed to the said notification.

EIRE

IMPORTATION OF PIECE-GOODS

The Irish Trade Journal of March 1942 contains information that the Minister for Supplies has made an Order entitled "Emergency Powers (Importation of Fabrics) Order 1942, which prohibits the importation on and after 20 April 1942, except under licence, of woven or knitted fabrics of every description.

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SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN IMPORT DUTIES

The Senior United Kingdom Trade Commissioner at Dublin has forwarded to the Board of Trade copies of Notices Nos. 379 and 380, dated April 1942, issued by the Eire Revenue Commissioners, which state that Orders have been made by the Government suspending the import duties on certain articles as follows :—

Notice No. 379 suspends from 4 April 1942 to 3 October 1942 the Customs duty, and in the case of disinfectants, etc. (Tariff Ref. No. 71/9) the package tax, on the importation of the following items :—

Tariff Ref. No.	Goods
71/9	Disinfectants, etc.
116	Forks and component parts thereof.
116/1	Hoe heads and component parts thereof.
117	Scythes and the like and blades and heads therefor.
118	Spades and shovels and component parts.
ex 121	Cast-iron wheels other than tractor or trailer wheels and other than wheels which are imported with and as part of a complete vehicle, machine or other article.
122	Iron and steel fencing material and component parts.
123	Iron and steel, galvanised, corrugated.
126 (*c*)	Scythe mountings.
129	Iron and steel wheelbarrows and trucks and certain component parts thereof.
129/1	Certain iron or steel wheels.
ex 130	Iron and steel wire webbing, netting and fencing and component parts thereof.
141	Lime, comprising quicklime and slaked lime.
267	Wood and manufactures wholly or mainly thereof, enumerated, and component parts made wholly or mainly of wood.

BRITISH GUIANA

CUSTOMS TARIFF MODIFICATIONS

The "British Guiana Gazette Extraordinary" of 19 March contains a copy of Ordinance No. 9 of 1942, which provides for the following modifications in the British Guiana Customs Tariff :—

FIRST SCHEDULE

Item No.	Article	British Preferential Tariff		General Tariff	
		$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
33	Oil— (2) *Petroleum oil; being a derivative of crude oil, whether manufactured by refining or otherwise, which having a flash point of 85° or more by I.P.T. Test K.7 either has a distillation end point not exceeding 330° Centigrade by I.P.T. Test G.3 or of which ten per centum by volume or more distils at a temperature not exceeding 200° Centigrade by I.P.T. Test G.3 ... ... per gallon	[0 25]	*0 7·25*	[0 29]	*0 12·25*

NOTE.—The above item is exempt from surtax.

"I.P.T. Test K.7" & "I.P.T. Test G.3" mean standard methods of test of the serial designation K.7 + G.3, respectively, laid down in "Standard Methods for Testing Petroleum & its Products, Third Edition, 1935" published by the Institution of Petroleum Technologists.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Item No.	Article	British Preferential Tariff		General Tariff	
1	Apparel :—				
	[(a) Pyjamas]	[15%]		[30% + 36 cents per suit].	
	[(b) Shirts]	[15%]		[30% + 24 cents each]	
	[(c) Men's and boys' under-pants and combination underwear]	[15%]		[30% + 18 cents each]	
	[(d) Men's and boys' singlets and under-vests]	[15%]		[30%]	
	[(e) Neckties, cravats and scarves]	[15%]		[30% + 18 cents each]	
	*[(g)] (*a*) Boots, bootees, shoes, overshoes, slippers and sandals of all descriptions :— (i) made wholly or partly of rubber, balata or gutta percha (except where the outer part of the uppers, apart from the stitchings, fastenings or ornaments, is made entirely of leather or leather and elastic)... ...	[16⅔]	*2%*	[50% + 24 cents per pair]	*6% + 24 cents per pair*
	(ii) Other kinds	[10%]	*6⅔%*	[30% + 48 cents per pair].	*20%*
	[(h)] (*b*) Hats, caps and other headgear	15%		30%	
	[(i)] (*c*) Hosiery—Socks and stockings :—				
	(i) Cotton...	10%		10% + 12 cents per pair or 30% (whichever is greater).	
	(ii) Artificial silk	16⅔%		16⅔% + 12 cents per pair or 33⅓% (whichever is greater)	
	(iii) Silk	16⅔%		16⅔% + 18 cents per pair or 33⅓% (whichever is greater)	
	(iv) Woollen	16⅔%		33⅓%	
	[(k)] (*d*) Other kinds not elsewhere enumerated, including such minor articles of apparel as belts, braces, garters, suspenders, etc.	15%		30% [+ 36 cents each or per pair if ordinarily so sold].	
	[(j)] (*e*) All articles of apparel whatsoever which have been previously worn, not exceeding at one importation twenty-five dollars in value, and which the Controller is satisfied are solely for the personal use of the importer or his family ...	[15%]	*10%*	[30%]	*20%*
13A	Woollen manufactures— Piece-goods manufactured wholly or partly of wool	16⅔%		33⅓% [+ 24 cents per linear yard].	

NOTE.—The wording in *italics* represents an addition to the tariff. The wording in square brackets [ ] represents a deletion from the tariff.
*Items thus marked are subject to special preferences in accordance with the Canada—West Indies Trade Agreement, 1925.

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Notice No. 380 suspends, from 11 April 1942 to 10 October 1942 the Customs duties on the importation of the following articles :—

Tariff Ref. No.	Goods
249/2	Thread and ply yarn of cotton, flax, hemp, etc.
274/1	Single yarn of cotton, flax or hemp.

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TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

The Board of Trade have received a copy of an Order dated 16 December 1941, which removes milk, condensed and evaporated, from the list of goods in respect of which licences are required before negotiations for their importation may be entered into, and permits traders to make their own arrangements for importing these articles.

CYPRUS

CUSTOMS TARIFF MODIFICATIONS

A supplement to the "Cyprus Gazette" of 31 December 1941 contains a copy of the Customs (Amendment No. 2) Law, 1941, effective on 1 January 1942, which provides for the following modifications in the Cyprus Customs Tariff :—

Item No.	Article	Former Duties		New Duties	
		British Preferential Tariff	General Tariff	British Preferential Tariff	General Tariff
ex 2	Apparel :—				
	(2) Hosiery :				
	(a) Socks and stockings of silk or artificial silk ... ... ad val. or per dozen pairs	30% 4s. whichever is the higher	40% 6s. whichever is the higher	50% 4s. 7p. whichever is the higher	60% 7s. 2p. whichever is the higher
	(3) Jerseys, cardigans and pullovers :				
	(a) Silk or artificial silk ... ... ad val. or per dozen	30% 8s. whichever is the higher	40% 12s. whichever is the higher	50% 9s. 4p. whichever is the higher	60% 14s. 4p. whichever is the higher
	(4) Shirts :				
	(a) Silk or artificial silk ... ... ad val. or per dozen	30% 8s. whichever is the higher	40% 12s. whichever is the higher	50% 9s. 4p. whichever is the higher	60% 14s. 4p. whichever is the higher
	(5) Ties:				
	(a) Silk or artificial silk ... ... ad val. or per dozen	30% 8s. whichever is the higher	40% 12s. whichever is the higher	50% 9s. 4p. whichever is the higher	60% 14s. 4p. whichever is the higher
	(6) Vests, singlets and shorts (underwear) :				
	(a) Silk or artificial silk ... ... ad val. or per dozen	30% 8s. whichever is the higher	40% 12s. whichever is the higher	50% 9s. 4p. whichever is the higher	60% 14s. 4p. whichever is the higher
4	Bacon and ham ... ... per oke	3p.	4½p.	4p.	5½p.
13	Biscuits and bread ... ... ad val.	12%	18%	22%	28%
33	Coffee :				
	(a) Raw ... ... per oke	4p.	4½p.	6p.	7p.
	(b) Roasted or ground ... ... per oke	5p.	6p.	7½p.	1s. 0p.
34	Confectionery :—				
	(a) Chocolate, *plain* ... ... ad val.	14%	20%	14%	20%
	(b) Chocolate sweets and chocolate biscuits ... ... ad val.	20%	30%	40%	50%
	(c) Crystallized fruit ... ... ad val.	20%	30%	40%	50%
	(d) Locoum or Turkish delight ... ... ad val.	20%	30% or 4p. per oke, whichever is the higher	40%	50% or 5p. per oke, whichever is the higher
	(e) Paklava and similar pastry goods ... ... ad val.	20%	30% or 5p. per oke, whichever is the higher	40%	50% or 6p. per oke, whichever is the higher
	(f) Other pastry goods ... ... ad val.	20%	30%	40%	50%
	(g) Other confectionery, such as caramels, toffee, fondants, sugared almonds and sweets ... ... ad val.	20%	30% or 3½p. per oke, whichever is the higher.	40%	50% or 4p. per oke, whichever is the higher.
ex 48	Fruit :—				
	(3) Tinned, canned or bottled ... ... ad val.	15%	18%	25%	28%
50	Furs ... ... ad val.	20%	30%	40%	50%
55	Haberdashery and millinery, not otherwise specified ... ... ad val.	16%	24%	36%	44%
62	Jams and jellies ... ... ad val.	12%	18%	32%	38%
63	Jewellery ... ... ad val.	20%	30%	40%	50%
72	Matches :—				
	(a) for every gross of boxes of matches not exceeding 10,000 matches ...	2s. 6p.	4s. 0p.	6s. 6p.	8s. 8p.
	(b) for every gross of boxes of matches exceeding 10,000 matches; for 10,000 matches and so in proportion	2s. 6p.	4s. 0p.	6s. 6p.	8s. 8p.
75A	*Mineral and aerated water* ... ... ad val.	—	—	22%	25%
78	Musical instruments, not otherwise specified ... ... ad val.	16%	24%	36%	44%
83	Perfumery and perfumed spirits, cosmetics, hair oil, hair dyes and wash, pomades and toilet powder ... ... ad val.	25%	40%	45%	60%
88	Provisions, tinned, bottled, smoked, dried, etc., not otherwise specified ad val.	16%	24%	26%	34%
94	Salt ... ... per oke	3p.	4p.	4p.	5p.
96	Silk (inclusive of artificial silk) goods and piece-goods, not otherwise specified ad val.	30%	40%	50%	60%
97	Silk and artificial silk yarn and thread ... ... ad val.	15%	25%	35%	45%
98	Silver and silver manufactures, not otherwise specified ... ad val.	20%	30%	40%	50%
106	Tea ... ... per oke	4p.	6p.	6p.	1s. 0p.
120	Wireless receiving apparatus and parts thereof ... ... ad val.	20%	28%	40%	48%

NOTE.—The wording in italics represents an addtion to the Tariff.

Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes—*Continued.*

NEW ZEALAND

CUSTOMS DECISIONS

Particulars are given below of some further decisions of the New Zealand Customs Department with regard to the classification of various articles under the New Zealand Tariff :—

Goods	Classified under Tariff Item No.	Rate of Duty	
		British Preferential Tariff	General Tariff
Surgeons' appliances, instruments and materials, viz. :—			
Appliances for wear peculiarly adapted to correct a deformity of the human body, etc., viz. :			
"Bone plates," being plates of special non-corrosive and non-magnetic metal for screwing to fractured bones to hold the pieces together while they are knitting	134 (1)	Free	Free
Drainage tubes, rubber (not including flatus, prostatic, rectal and urethral catheters, tubes and pipes exceeding 12 in. in length)	134 (1)	Free	Free
Nails, screws and spikes, of special non-corrosive and non-magnetic metal for temporary or permanent use in holding the fragments of fractured bones together, or for temporarily immobilising joints where movement is undesirable	134 (1)	Free	Free
Instruments and appliances, surgical, viz. :—			
Bougies, solid, for dilating, or clearing obstructions in, the mucous passages of the body...	134 (2)	Free	20% ad val.
Catheters, tubes, or pipes, rubber, viz. :—			
Stomach or œsophagus, colon, rectus, or duodenal	134 (2)	Free	20%
Flatus, prostatic, rectal and urethral catheters, tubes and pipes, exceeding 12 in. in length	134 (2)	Free	20%
Vehicles and fittings, materials, and parts of, viz. :			
Motor vehicles, n.e.i., and parts of, viz. :—			
Name plates, of metal, for motor vehicles ...	389 (c)	15% ad val.	60% ad val.

Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes—*Continued.*

Goods	Classified under Tariff Item No.	Rate of Duty	
		British Preferential Tariff	General Tariff
Radiator ornaments, of metal, for motor vehicles	389 (c)	15% ad val.	60% ad val.
Machinery, etc., and appliances, viz. :—			
Manufacturing and industrial, etc., viz. :—			
Engines, oil, and parts of, viz. :—			
Carburettors and petrol savers used in conjunction therewith, including control cables therefor, with fittings attached, if imported therewith	352	Free	25% ad val.

FOREIGN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

SIMPLIFICATION OF MEN'S AND BOYS' SUITS AND OVERCOATS OF WOOL

The Board of Trade have received a copy of an Order—General Conservation Order M-73-a, made by the War Production Board, simplifying men's and boys' suits and overcoats made of new, used or processed wool.

The Commercial Counsellor to H.M. Embassy in Washington has reported by telegraph that under an amendment to this Order all imported clothing put into work after 30 May must comply with the restrictions imposed by the Order.

A copy of the Order can be seen by persons interested on application to the Department of Overseas Trade, Neville House, Page Street, London, S.W.1.

Statutory and Other Government Notices

CINEMATOGRAPH FILMS ACT, 1938

FILMS REGISTERED IN THE WEEK ENDED 4 MAY 1942

Title of Film	Registered in the name of	Maker's name	Length (feet)	Registered No.	Date of Registration
		BRITISH			
One Of Our Aircraft Is Missing	Anglo-American Film Corp. Ltd.	British National Films Ltd. ...	9,554	BR/DR. 5195	28 April
Back Room Boy	General Film Distributors Ltd. ...	Gainsborough Pictures (1928) Ltd.	7,421	BR/DR. 5196	29 April
Over The Downs	Ditto	G.B. Instructional Ltd.	877	BR/R. 5197	29 April
On The Moors	Ditto	Ditto	823	BR/R. 5198	29 April
On The Heath	Ditto	Ditto	857	BR/R. 5199	29 April
Through The Woods... ...	Ditto	Ditto	872	BR/R. 5200	29 April
Down Somerset Way ...	Ditto	Ditto	949	BR/R. 5201	29 April
Climbers	Ditto	Ditto	868	BR/R. 5202	29 April
The Foreman Went To France	United Artists Corp. Ltd. ...	Ealing Studios Ltd.	7,636	BR/TR. 5211	29 April
Those Kids From Town ...	Anglo-American Film Corp. Ltd.	British National Films Ltd. ...	7,415	BR/R. 5212	29 April
Front Line Kids	Butchers Film Service Ltd. ...	Butchers Film Service Ltd. and Signet Pictures Corp. Ltd.	7,184	BR/R. 5213	30 April
John Bull's Other Army ...	Ditto	Associated Independent Producers of Great Britain Ltd.	1,750	BR/R. 5214	30 April
Czechoslovaks March On ...	Ditto	Ditto	875	BR/R. 5215	30 April
The Sign Of Victory... ...	Ditto	Ajax Film Productions Ltd. ...	1,575	BR/R. 5216	30 April
Pathé Pictorial Nos. 313/325 :—					
Pathé Pictorial No. 317 ...	Pathé Pictures Ltd.	Pathé Pictures Ltd.	886	BR/R. 5217	1 May
Let The People Sing... ...	Anglo-American Film Corp. Ltd.	British National Films Ltd. ...	9,829	BR/R. 5218	1 May
		FOREIGN			
Almost Married ...	General Film Distributors Ltd. ...	Universal Pictures Co. Inc. ...	5,777	F. 5203	29 April
North To The Klondike ...	Ditto	Ditto	5,234	F. 5204	29 April
Juke Box Jenny	Ditto	Ditto	5,512	F. 5205	29 April
White Savage...	Ditto	Ditto	6,763	F. 5206	29 April
Treat 'Em Rough	Ditto	Ditto	5,431	F. 5207	29 April
Mad Doctor of Market Street	Ditto	Ditto	5,381	F. 5208	29 April
Hay Foot	United Artists Corp. Ltd. ...	Hal Roach Studios Inc.	4,252	F. 5209	29 April
Shanghai Gesture	Ditto	Arnold Pressburger Productions Inc.	8,882	F. 5210	29 April
The Bashful Bachelor ...	R.K.O. Radio Pictures Ltd. ...	R.K.O. Radio Pictures Inc. ...	6,938	F. 5219	4 May
The Falcon Takes Over ...	Ditto	Ditto	5,658	F. 5220	4 May
Sing Your Worries Away ...	Ditto	Ditto	6,343	F. 5221	4 May
Pluto Junior	Ditto	Walt Disney Productions Inc. ...	656	F. 5222	4 May
The Art Of Self Defense ...	Ditto	Ditto	710	F. 5223	4 May
Lend A Paw	Ditto	Ditto	745	F. 5224	4 May
The Village Smithy	Ditto	Ditto	670	F. 5225	4 May
Mickey's Birthday Party ...	Ditto	Ditto	720	F. 5226	4 May
Chef Donald	Ditto	Ditto	690	F. 5227	4 May
Right To The Heart... ...	Twentieth Century Fox Film Co. Ltd.	Twentieth Century Fox Film Corp.	6,551	F. 5228	4 May
Moscow Parades ...	New Realm Pictures Ltd. ...	New Realm Pictures Ltd. ...	1,382	F. 5229	4 May
This Time For Keeps ...	Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures Ltd.	Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer	6,562	F. 5230	4 May
Born To Sing	Ditto	Ditto	7,360	F. 5231	4 May

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Statutory and Other Government Notices—*Contd.*

POSTAL SECTION

MAILS LOST BY ENEMY ACTION

The Postmaster-General regrets to announce that the undermentioned *surface* mails have been lost by enemy action :—

From the United Kingdom

	Districts and Approximate Dates of Posting
Letters for :—	
China (Province of Yunnan)	London area : 14–19 January. Elsewhere : 13–18 January.
Letters and Printed Papers for :—	
Burma, Ceylon and India ...	London and Home Counties : 19–23 January. S.W. and W. Counties : 17–23 January. Elsewhere : 17–24 January.

Statutory and Other Government Notices—*Contd.*

From the United Kingdom

	Districts and Approximate Dates of Posting
Printed Papers for :—	
China (Province of Yunnan)	All districts : 15–24 January.
Parcels for :—	
Burma	Southern Counties : 17–23 January. Elsewhere : 17–26 January.
India	All districts (except Midlands) : 17–23 January.
Seychelles	All districts : 17–23 January.

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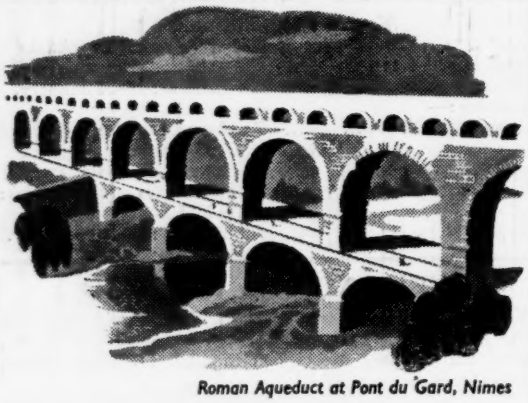

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